

REMARKS

The amendment to claim 8 merely corrects a typographical error by changing "only only" to --only-- in line 14. Therefore, entry of the amendment is proper under 37 CFR 1.116. A marked up copy of the amended claim appears on the final page of this amendment.

A terminal disclaimer is submitted together with this amendment. The terminal disclaimer overcomes the non-statutory, obviousness type double patenting rejection. Applicant requests that the Examiner acknowledge in an Advisory Action that the double patenting rejection is overcome.

Respectfully submitted,



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Marked-Up Copy of Amended Claim 8

1 8. (twice amended) A method of adjusting the two-way communication range of an RFID system to
2 permit a person to individually handle and interrogate each one of a plurality of tagged objects, each
3 tagged object having an RFID tag transceiver, comprising the steps of:
4 mounting adjacent the person an RFID interrogator transceiver having an antenna;
5 mounting on each tagged object an RFID tag transceiver, wherein
6 each tag transceiver is characterized by a set of one or more performance parameters
7 which control a reliable two-way communications range between that tag transceiver and the
8 interrogator transceiver, and
9 the interrogator transceiver is characterized by a set of one or more performance
10 parameters which control the reliable two-way communications range between the interrogator
11 transceiver and any of the tag transceivers; and
12 adjusting at least one of the performance parameters so that the reliable two-way
13 communications range between the interrogator transceiver and the tag transceiver of each of the tagged
14 objects only [only] slightly exceeds the closest distance, during times when the person handles that
15 tagged object, between the antenna of the interrogator and that tagged object.